Small Business Innovation Research

Advanced Instrumentation for Aircraft Icing Research



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INNOVATION

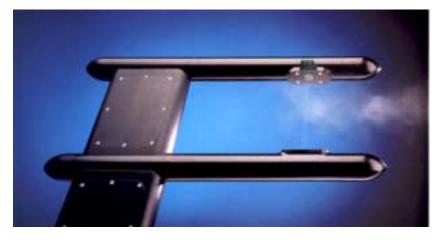
An all weather instrument for measuring cloud droplets size and velocity

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Phase Doppler technique was successfully adapted to cloud droplet size and velocity measurement
- This instrument was successfully tested in the NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC) Icing Tunnel

COMMERCIALIZATION

- Further development of an advanced Phase Doppler signal processor was done by Aerometrics/TSI, and is presently being sold by TSI Inc.
- Aerometrics was acquired by TSI in 1996
- Boeing purchased this instrument system for cloud certification of their aircraft
- ◆ Two of these instrument systems were purchased by the Italian Government for calibrating their Icing Tunnel



ADA-100 Icing Probe of TSI

GOVERNMENT/SCIENCE APPLICATIONS

- An advanced Phase Doppler signal processor was developed under a \$150K Phase III effort with GRC
- ◆ For use in the certification of commercial aircraft
- ◆ For use in cloud physics studies, including in-flight tests